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CHILD WELFARE STATISTICS [1]

year	child welfare services of State and local public welfare agencies						children adopted during calendar year (thousands)			juvenile court cases during calendar year	
	children receiving child welfare casework services, March 31 (thousands)	selected expenditures (fiscal year, millions)				full-time child welfare employees, June 30	total	by unrelated persons		delinquency (index no. 1950=100)	dependency and neglect (index no. 1950=100)
		total	professional and facilitating services		foster care payments from Federal, State and local funds [2]			total	agency placements		
			Federal funds	State and local funds							
1940	NA	$ 44.9	$1.4	$ 8.7	$ 34.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	71	NA
1945	223	55.5	1.3	10.8	43.4	2,746	54	28	13	123	NA
1949	265	101.7	3.5	21.0	77.2	4,162	71	36	19	97	105
1950	270	104.7	3.8	22.1	78.8	4,507	76	37	19	100	100
1951	277	108.3	4.7	23.2	80.4	4,850	80	38	19	106	104
1952	279	113.0	6.8	24.2	82.0	5,089	85	42	24	119	105
1953	282	121.0	7.1	25.9	88.0	5,256	90	46	25	134	111
1954	289	126.0	6.7	28.3	91.0	5,448	90	47	26	141	111
1955	296	135.0	6.5	32.5	96.0	5,474	93	48	27	154	114
1956	305	145.0	6.6	34.4	104.0	5,661	93	47	27	186	113

[1] National estimates based on reports received by the Children's Bureau from State Departments of Welfare and from juvenile courts.

[2] Federal funds expended annually for foster care during the period 1953-56 ranged from $336,933 to $382,758.

year	crippled children's services of official State and local agencies				maternal and child health services provided or paid for by State and local public health agencies						
	children who received physician's services [1] (thousands)	rate per 1,000 children under 21 years	expenditures (millions)		mothers receiving selected maternity services [3]		children receiving selected child health services [3]			expenditures (millions)	
							well-child conference service [5]		nursing service [5] (thousands)		
			Federal funds	State and local funds [2]	maternity medical clinic service [4] (thousands)	maternity nursing service [4] (thousands)	total number served (thousands)	infants included (thousands)		Federal funds	State and local funds [2]
1940	127	2.6	$ 3.2	$ 2.9	146	258	475	175	975	$ 4.2	$ 3.1
1945	130	2.7	4.1	3.0	117	238	427	170	1,002	5.7	3.8
1949	181	3.4	8.4	4.4	168	242	694	295	1,130	11.9	5.8
1950	214	3.9	7.8	3.9	175	258	723	303	1,097	11.6	5.8
1951	229	4.1	9.2	4.3	189	264	983	402	1,412	12.7	6.4
1952	238	4.2	10.7	5.2	180	252	1,010	434	1,406	13.2	6.7
1953	252	4.3	12.7	6.2	178	257	1,004	412	1,408	13.6	6.8
1954	271	4.5	11.1	25.1	191	264	1,024	447	1,474	12.3	40.9
1955	278	4.5	10.8	29.1	189	251	1,025	448	1,502	12.1	40.2
1956	296	4.7	14.9	28.7	225	430	1,284	517	2,963	12.0	47.8

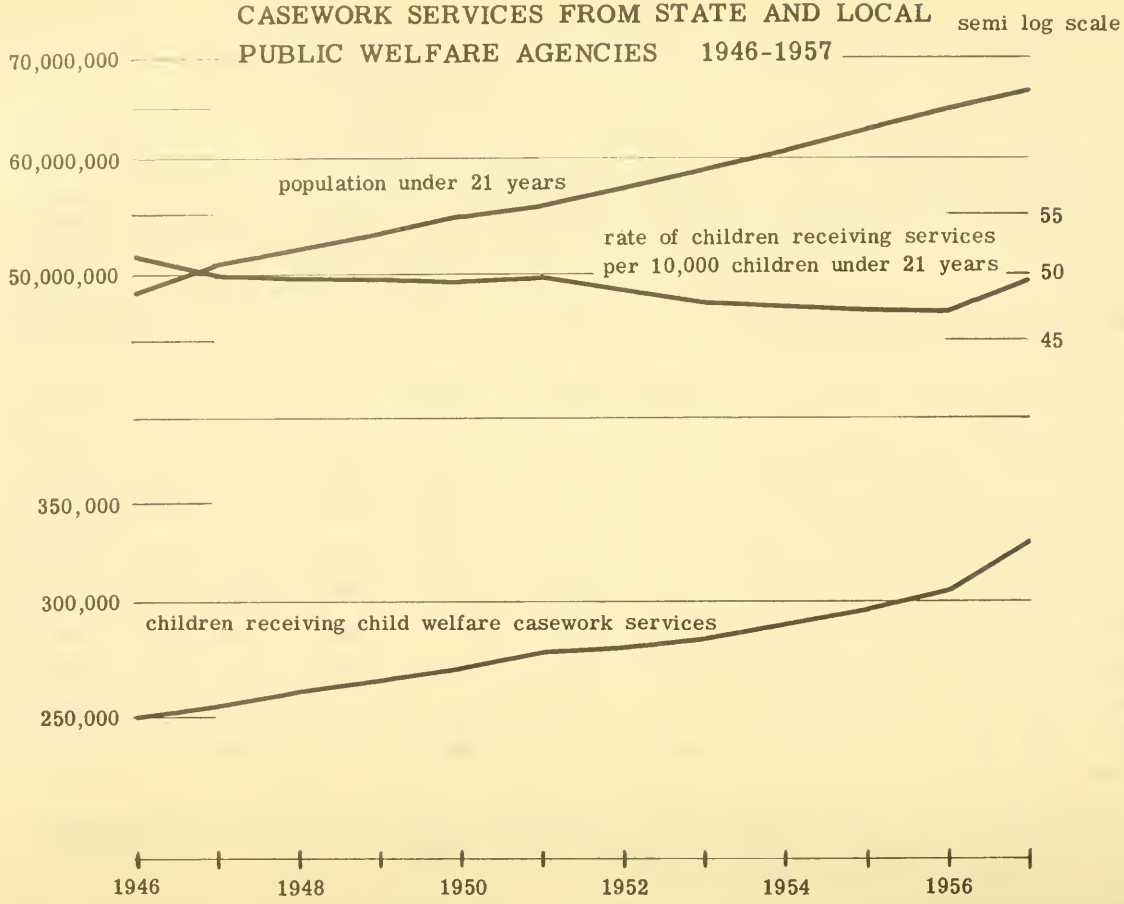
1/ Prior to 1950 includes a few children who received services other than those from physicians.

2/ Prior to 1954 represents only the minimum State and local expenditures which were required by law to match Federal funds; figures for later years as reported to the Children's Bureau by States.

3/ Figures reported to the Children's Bureau by States.

4/ Prior to 1956 antepartum only.

5/ Prior to 1956 includes only infants and preschool children.



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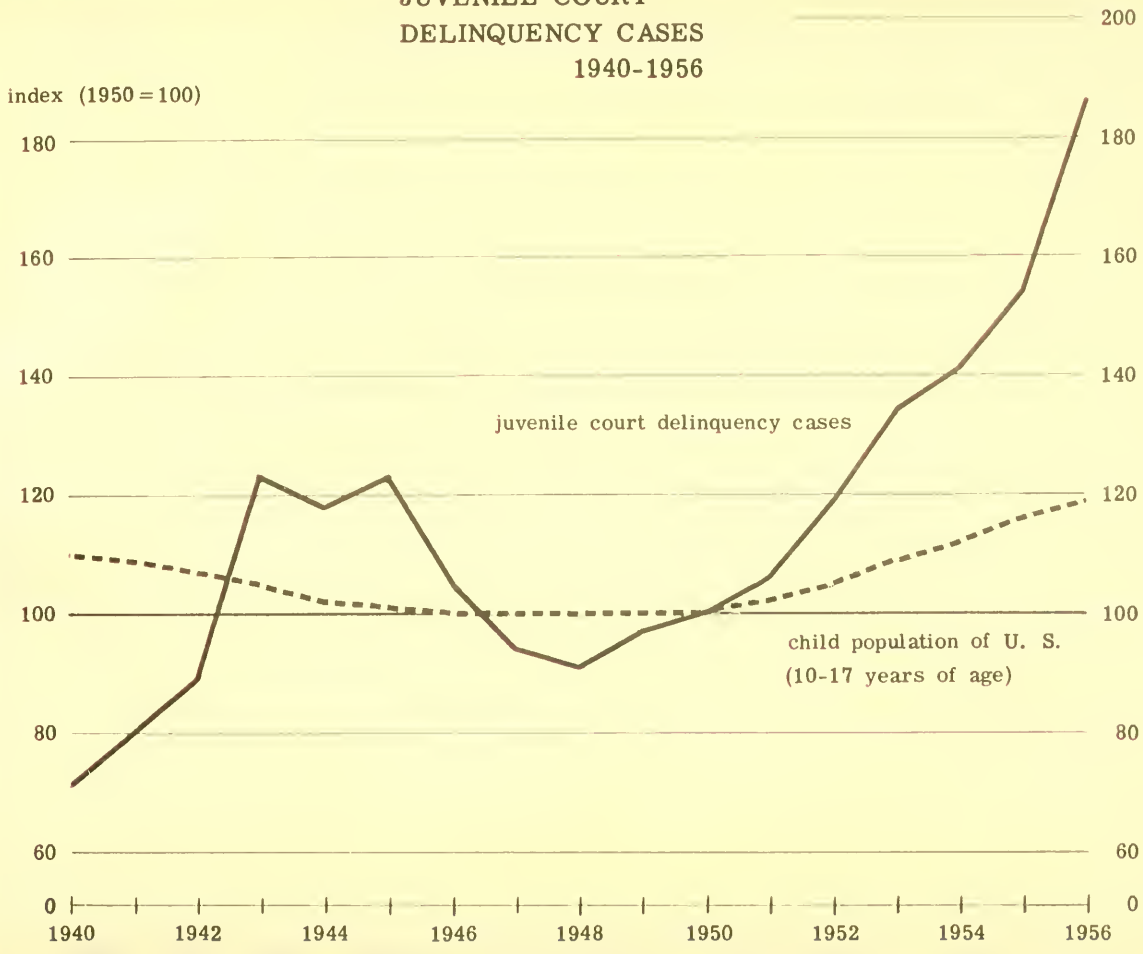
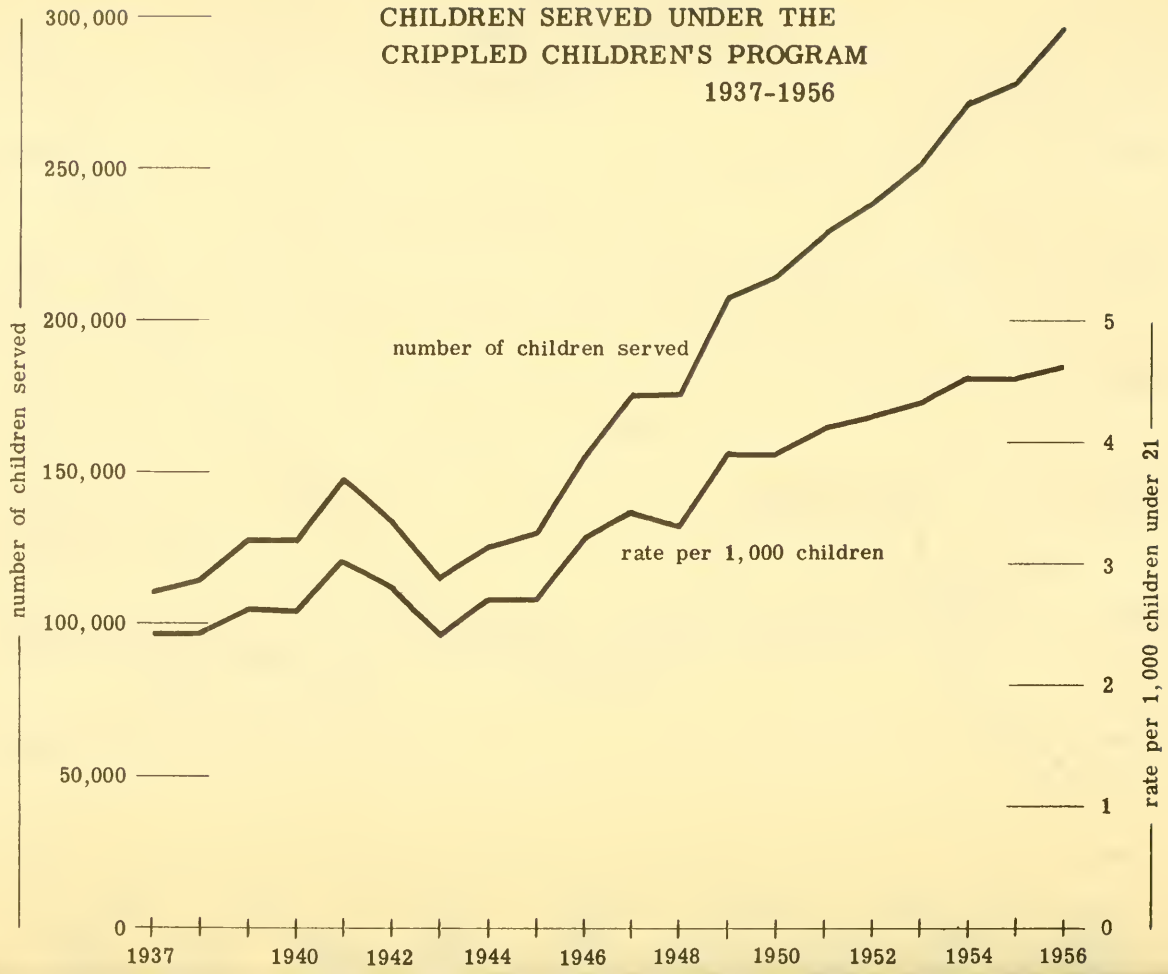
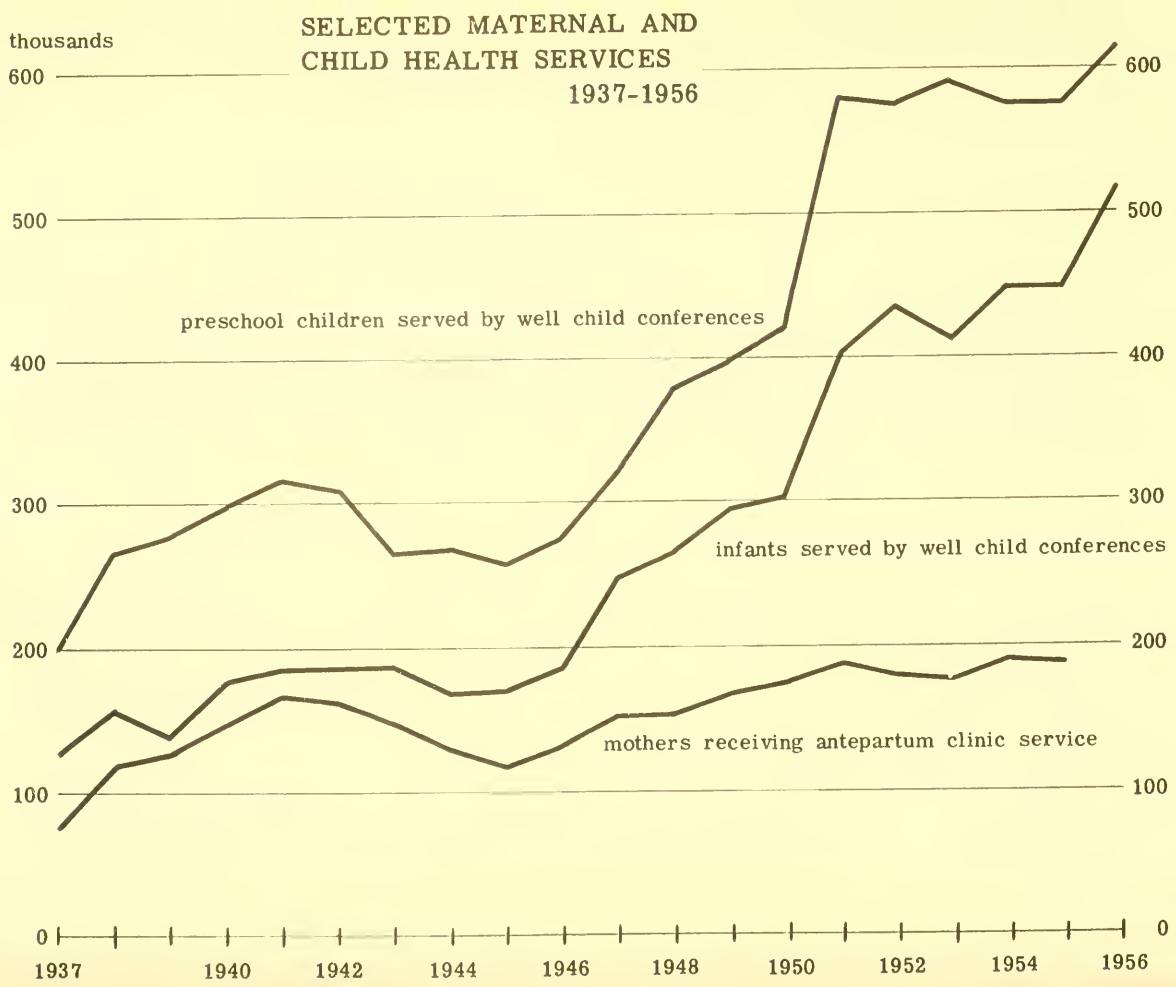

JUVENILE COURT
DELINQUENCY CASES
1940-1956
index (1950 = 100)
200
180
160
140
120
100
80
60
0
juvenile court delinquency cases
child population of U. S.
(10-17 years of age)
1940
1942
1944
1946
1948
1950
1952
1954
1956


CHILDREN SERVED UNDER THE
CRIPPLED CHILDREN'S PROGRAM
1937-1956
number of children served
rate per 1,000 children
number of children served
rate per 1,000 children under 21
300,000
250,000
200,000
150,000
100,000
50,000
0
5
4
3
2
1
0
1937
1940
1942
1944
1946
1948
1950
1952
1954
1956


SELECTED MATERNAL AND
CHILD HEALTH SERVICES
1937-1956
thousands
600
500
400
300
200
100
0
preschool children served by well child conferences
infants served by well child conferences
mothers receiving antepartum clinic service
1937
1940
1942
1944
1946
1948
1950
1952
1954
1956

CHILDREN RECEIVING CHILD WELFARE CASEWORK SERVICES

The number of children reported to the Children's Bureau represents the number of children receiving child welfare casework services from full-time child welfare workers employed by State and local public welfare agencies and the number receiving such services from workers whose primary function is public assistance in families not receiving public assistance. Excluded from the count are children served by workers employed by juvenile or probate courts and public institutions. Also excluded are all children in families receiving public assistance unless the service is given by a full-time child welfare worker.

SELECTED EXPENDITURES FOR CHILD WELFARE SERVICES

Total. Selected expenditures reported to the Children's Bureau are current expenditures from Federal, State and local funds for public child welfare services, including expenditures for personnel, foster family care and payments to voluntary agencies and institutions for individual children. Excluded are expenditures of public institutions, public day-care centers, lump sum or per capita appropriations made by legislatures directly to voluntary agencies or institutions, expenditures of courts serving children and public assistance expenditures for children.

Professional and Facilitating Services. Expenditures for professional and facilitating services include all reported expenditures except payments for foster care of children.

Foster Care Payments. Foster care payments are money payments by State and local public welfare agencies for the care of children in foster family homes or institutions. Such payments include expenditures for board, clothing, medical care and other expenses. The value of goods in kind are excluded as are also contributions or regular payments by parents or relatives, funds from voluntary sources, OASI payments and Veteran's Administration insurance payments.

FULL-TIME CHILD WELFARE EMPLOYEES OF STATE AND LOCAL PUBLIC WELFARE AGENCIES

Full-time child welfare employees are staff members employed by State and local public welfare agencies on a full-time basis who devote all of their working time to the child welfare program. The number reported here includes directors, director-workers, caseworkers, supervisors, consultants, and specialists but excludes clerical employees.

CHILDREN ADOPTED

The number of adoptions reported to the Children's Bureau includes petitions filed during the calendar year for the adoption of children under the age of 21 years. The total includes adoptions by parents, stepparents, and other relatives.

JUVENILE COURT CASES

Juvenile court cases reported to the Children's Bureau are those disposed of during a calendar year by courts having jurisdiction in children's cases. Each case represents a child dealt with by the juvenile court (officially or unofficially, formally or informally) on a new referral in delinquency, dependency or neglect or in special proceedings.

Delinquency is defined variously in different States, but in most States delinquency cases include (1) children who have allegedly violated any public law or ordinance (theft, truancy, etc.) or (2) children who run away from home or whose habitual disobedience

or behavior is beyond the control of their parents or other custodian (ungovernable, incorrigible, etc.).

Dependency and neglect cases involve children whose parents, guardian or custodian have allegedly failed to provide them with the care, education or protection necessary for their well-being as required by law (lack of adequate care or support, abandonment or desertion, abuse or cruel treatment, etc.).

Special proceedings involve children whose cases are handled by the court for reasons other than delinquency or dependency and neglect, such as adoption proceedings, commitment to mental institution, applications for consent to marry, etc.

child health statistics

CRIPPLED CHILDREN'S SERVICES OF OFFICIAL STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES

Services reported are those provided to crippled children by the staff of the official State agency or the corresponding official local agency or those purchased by such agencies.

Children Who Received Physician's Services. The basic unit of count in the crippled children's program is the child under 21 years of age receiving a physician's services, defined as including clinic service, hospital inpatient care, convalescent-home care and other services by physicians (in office, home, etc.).

Expenditures. Expenditures reported are those made by an official State or local agency from Federal, State or local public funds (including funds obtained from private sources if made fully available for expenditure by the official State agency) for activi-

ties administered by or supervised by the official State agency in accordance with approved State plans.

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED OR PAID FOR BY STATE AND LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES

Services reported in the maternal and child health program include not only those provided by staff of State or local public health agencies but those paid for partly by such agencies. The service of voluntary health agencies, boards of education and other health department programs, such as tuberculosis, venereal disease or crippled children's services are excluded.

The four services included in this table are selected from a wide variety of health services provided for mothers and children under the program.

Mothers Receiving Selected Maternity Services. Beginning with reports for 1956 mothers are counted only once by the maternity medical clinic although they may receive both antepartum and postpartum service. Additional maternity services are reported separately, for example, maternity nursing service, dental treatment and hospital inpatient care.

Children Receiving Selected Child Health Services. Children attending well-child conferences are now reported up to the age of 18; prior to 1956 the report included only infants and pre-school children. Nursing service, formerly reported only for infants and pre-school children, now includes children up to the age of 21 years.

Expenditures. States are requested to report total expenditures from Federal, State and local public funds for the maternal and child health program in the State including a separate report for each city, county or health district which is included in the State's maternal and child health program.

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